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NEWS RELEASE

United States Attorney Patrick L. Meehan, Philadelphia District Attorney Lynne Abraham announced today the filing of a 11-count Indictment¹ charging defendants **JUAN C. COLON, DESHIA LOVE, and JAVIER SALGADO** with committing five separate armed robberies of the Philadelphia commercial establishments listed below from March 9, 2005 to April 2, 2005. **COLON** is charged with participating in all six armed robberies. The remaining defendants are charged with committing the following armed robberies:

No.	DATE	BUSINESS	DEFENDANT NAME
1	3/9/05	Garcia Grocery 200 Westmoreland St.	Juan Colon
2	3/9/05	The Pizza Shoppe 1500 E. Lycoming Ave.	Juan Colon Deshia Love
3	3/10/05	Union Grocery 300 W. Roosevelt Blvd.	Juan Colon Deshia Love
4	4/2/05	George's Pizza 1363 E. Lycoming Ave.	Juan Colon Deshia Love
5	4/2/05	Sunoco A-Plus Mini Market 3670 Richmond Street	Juan Colon Deshia Love Javier Salgado

The indictment charges that during the robberies the defendants brandished firearms and threatened to injure and kill patrons and customers to obtain money.

If convicted of all counts in the indictment, the defendants are facing the following maximum sentences:

¹**An Indictment or Information is an accusation. A defendant is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty.**

JUAN C. COLON	lifetime imprisonment with a mandatory minimum of 107 years, up to 5 years supervised release, a \$2,750,000 fine and an \$1,100 special assessment.
DESHIA LOVE	life imprisonment with a mandatory minimum of 82 years, up to 5 years supervised release, a \$2,250,000 fine and a \$900 special assessment.
JAVIER SALGADO	life imprisonment with a mandatory minimum of 7 years, up to 5 years supervised release, a \$750,000 fine and a \$300 special assessment.

This investigation and prosecution was part of *Project Safe Neighborhoods*, a joint initiative by the United States Attorney’s Office, each of the nine District Attorney's Offices in the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms (ATF), the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), and other federal, state and local law enforcement agencies to identify and prosecute dangerous firearms offenders in federal court, where the defendants are likely to receive a substantial sentence upon conviction.

This case has been investigated by the FBI, the Philadelphia Police Department and other state and local law enforcement agencies. The case has been assigned to Assistant United States Attorney Francis C. Barbieri, Jr.

INFORMATION REGARDING THE DEFENDANTS

NAME	ADDRESS	AGE
JUAN C. COLON	N. Lee Street Philadelphia, PA	18 years old
DESHIA LOVE	N. 7th Street Philadelphia, PA	22 years old
JAVIER SALGADO	N. Smedley Street Philadelphia, PA	19 years old

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